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SUBJECT: LIBYA ASTONISHED BY IRAQ

1. AGREEMENT REACHED BETWEEN IRAQI LEADER SADDAM HUSAIN AND SHAH AT ALGIERS MUST HAVE BEEN SHOCK TO LIBYA'S RCC, ESPECIALLY SINCE QADHAFI HAS BEEN DEVOTING HIMSELF LATELY TO AROUISING ARABS AGAINST IRANIAN INTRUSIONS INTO ARAB LANDS. PUBLIC NOTICE OF DEVELOPMENT WAS DELAYED IN LIBYA UNTIL FEW DAYS AFTER QADHAFI'S RETURN FROM SAUDI ARABIA.

2. FINALLY EDITORIAL IN OFFICIAL FAJR AL-JADID OF MARCH 10 REPORTED THAT IRAQ, "ABSOLUTE OWNER OF SHATT AL-ARAB", HAS AGREED TO SHARE ITS OWNERSHIP WITH IRAN. SINCE IRAQ GOVT HAS BEEN WARNING ARAB NATION AGAINST IRANIAN DANGER AND SINCE IRAN IS INCREASINGLY INTERVENING IN ARAB GULF, PAPER COMPLAINED, LIBYA IS ASTONISHED BY TIMING OF AGREEMENT.

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